Fishing the Byway

The Rogue-Umpqua Scenic Byway has a long history of attracting anglers to the cold, clear waters of its rivers and lakes. The variety of fishing environments gives visitors many choices for angling or watching wildlife. Be sure to check with the Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for specific rules.

North Umpqua River

The combination of large summerrun steelhead, easy access to the
river, and majestic scenery makes
this area a world-renowned fishing
spot. Since 1952, a 33-mile section
above Deadline Falls has been
reserved exclusively for fly-fishing.
Opportunities for bait-fishing
abound below the falls. Between
May and October, the patient
visitor may observe migrating
salmon or steelhead jumping at
Deadline Falls.

Lakes and Reservoirs of the High Cascades

Lemolo and Diamond lakes have been favorite fishing spots for generations. German brown trout at Lemolo Lake and rainbow trout at Diamond Lake are the fish to catch. Lost Creek Reservoir offers opportunities for warm water and cold water game fish. Rainbow trout are stocked annually in this large reservoir.

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Upper Rogue River

This scenic river cuts its way through volcanic rock, creating a variety of habitats for rainbow and cutthroat trout. Just below Lost Creek Reservoir are the "Holy Waters", a short stretch of river offering year-round fly-fishing only. Farther downstream, salmon and steelhead runs attract the avid angler.